

The ELTINGE *CRIER*



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LAST DAY
AT SEA

"NOW HEAR THIS"

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I believe that each of you will agree with me that our voyage has been a smooth one. I appreciate the efforts of all concerned in making this trip successful. Those officers, NCO's and airmen who have been assigned specific duties have generally discharged these efficiently. I am particularly grateful to the food service personnel, KP's and air police for their exemplary performance.

In your tour in France keep constantly before you as your primary objective that of contributing your utmost to the combat effectiveness of your organization. Many of you have served previous peacetime tours overseas and are therefore cognizant of the frustrations associated with such duty. Your Air Force and your country are counting on you to deliver all you can.

In the course of your tour of duty do not forget that you, as an individual, are an ambassador of our United States of America. By your individual actions and conduct will the judgement of French citizenry be formed. As a visitor in France you are subject to the provisions of French civil law. You may, therefore expect to find yourself in the hands of civil authorities to suffer the same treatment accorded the French nationals as a result of any violation of that law. It is encouraging to note that in the areas where U.S. troops have been stationed that the Communist party influence has decreased naturally, however, don't be surprised if you are greeted with anti-U.S. demonstrations. Remember that these actions are Communist inspired for the sole purpose of creating ill will and unrest and are not representative of the sentiment of the French people.

I have complete confidence in each of you. I know that with considered conduct and conscientious effort each of you will derive great personal satisfaction from the adventure you are embarking upon.

Ben Chance,
HAROLD J. WHITEMAN
Colonel, USAF
Troop Commander

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THE CO SPEAKS

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In a few short hours the transatlantic crossing will be but a memory in the minds of many. We of the Military Department take this opportunity to wish both Air Groups aboard good luck and a pleasant tour of duty at your new stations.

J.H. WALTERS
CO Military Dept

A WORD FROM THE SHIP'S CHAPLAIN

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As the end of our voyage comes in sight, we want to express our good wishes to all those debarking. Our best wishes go with you to your new stations, and as the old Spanish expression puts it, may you "Go with God".

L.E. Van Verth
Ship's Chaplain

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A BRIEF RUN-DOWN OF THE ELTINGE

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A C-4 Troop Transport, the USNS GENERAL LEROY ELTINGE was built by the Kaiser Shipbuilding Co. at Richmond Cal., in 1945. She served with the Navy visiting Australia, India, China, France and Korea. In March of 1950, the Navy reclaimed the Eltinge for duty in the Military Sea Transport Service. Since then she has made several trips to Korea and Japan and participated in the Invasion of Inchon.

The Eltinge is powered by twin steam turbine drive engines which are capable of delivering 9000 horse power to the single screw between them, while consuming one barrel of fuel per mile. She has a cruising range of 13,000 miles and can remain at sea for a period of six months. The ship can be compared to a small town in that it contains practically everything that a city of 3,000 would.

Fresh water aboard ship is procured through the ship's distillation plant which processes approximately 40,000 gallons a day, this figure also being the average daily consumption. An additional 1,600 tons of water is carried in case of emergency. Food storage totals approximately 700,000 pounds.

The ship is manned by a crew of 159 civil service personnel (MSTS), and 21 regular Navy personnel.

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FROM THE MASTER:

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Best wishes to all hands in new stations of duty. May the New Year find you in happy spirits and pleasant circumstances which each of you in your role of Americans abroad will endeavor to prolong.

J.B. HASSAN
Ship's Master

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